

SB 76      INTRODUCED BY ABRAMS  
REVISING AUTO ACCIDENT DAMAGE AMOUNTS REQUIRING  
NOTIFICATION TO LAW OFFICER  
BY REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1/08	INTRODUCED		
1/09	REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION		
1/09	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/15	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/20	HEARING		
1/21	COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED		
1/24	2ND READING PASSED	48	0
1/27	3RD READING PASSED	50	0

	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE		
2/04	REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION		
2/19	HEARING		
3/02	COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL CONCURRED		
3/03	2ND READING CONCURRED	96	1
3/04	3RD READING CONCURRED	94	2

	RETURNED TO SENATE		
3/07	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
3/09	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		

3/09	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
3/13	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR		
	CHAPTER NUMBER 59	EFFECTIVE DATE:	10/01/87

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB076, as originally introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act raising the amounts of property damage resulting from a motor vehicle accident that trigger notification to and reporting by law enforcement officers; and amending sections 61-7-108 and 61-7-109, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Since most damage in accidents reported to law enforcement officers are above the limits set in the proposed legislation there will be no fiscal impact.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:


N/A

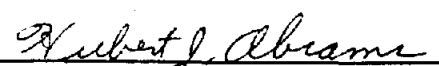
LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

N/A

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

N/A

 DATE 1/14/87  
DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

 DATE 1-15-87  
HUBERT J. ABRAMS, PRIMARY SPONSOR  
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